

# WHAT THE BOY SCOUTS ARE DOING

One-tenth of all the merit badges awarded to Boy Scouts in this country are held by Scouts of Washington, according to the report of Field Executive S. A. Apple for the month of February. Washington scouts possess 1,201 merit badges.

The report shows that the local organization has 408 tenderfoot scouts, 196 scouts of the second class and 126 first-class scouts, making a total of 730. Since November of last year, the number of the local organization has increased from 501 scouts to 730.

Eight new troops are in the process of formation, and by field day, May 30, it is expected that a total of fifty troops will be enrolled. Field day is to be the next big event on the Boy Scout calendar. Already Mr. Apple is conferring with other scout officers concerning the activities of the day.

## Standing of Divisions.

The first series of inspections of the recently organized divisions show the following standings:

Division No. 3, 79.1 per cent.  
Division No. 2, 78 per cent.  
Division No. 3, 70.8 per cent.

## More Scoutmasters Needed.

Concerning the formation of new troops Mr. Apple in his monthly report states:

"The work of obtaining scoutmasters is a big problem. Lack of time in holding up the organization of new troops, and it has taken nine new scoutmasters to office, old troops."

"To meet this situation it is essential that a course of training be given to the scouts, also to train new scoutmasters for their duties. A course of training for scouts and scoutmasters should be given in the form of a summer camp, and one for the summer term at Camp Ardenhill Butt."

## Pass Second-Class Tests.

The following scouts passed their second-class examination Friday night:

Division No. 1—George German, Troop 4; Frederick Bailey, Troop 20; Beverly Moody, Troop 20; John Conner, Troop 23, and Sidney Johnson, Troop 47.

Division No. 2—Bernard Bayes, Troop 5.  
Division No. 3—Roy Perry, Troop 14; J. P. Frather, Troop 14; Benjamin Lamm, Troop 14; Robert Middleton, Troop 24; Wilson Hart, Troop 24; Joseph Smoot, Troop 24; Ira Musgrave, Troop 24; Wilson Hogg, Troop 24, and Martin Macdonald, Troop 24.

## Wants Instruments Uniform.

Deputy James I. Kidwell of Division No. 2, director of the Boy Scout Drum and Bugle Corps, is in the opinion that the best type of drum for use by scouts is one between sixteen and eighteen inches in diameter and about six inches deep. He believes that G bugles should be used and that they should be fitted with F slides. Mr. Kidwell is anxious that all the bugles used by scouts be uniform so that the drum and bugle corps of the three divisions can be united into one big corps at rallies and other similar gatherings.

## To Organize Division Club.

Scoutmasters and assistants of Division No. 1 are to meet at the home of Scoutmaster Vernon Bailey of Troop 39 next Tuesday evening to discuss the organization of a scoutmasters' club in the division.

## To Discuss Tag Day.

All of the scoutmasters of the city are to meet at a dinner the evening of March 15 to discuss plans for tag day. The place where the dinner is to be held has not yet been decided, but it is understood it will be in one of the downtown hotels.

## Twenty-Five Troops Report.

At a meeting of the Scoutmasters' Club Monday night amendments to the constitution were adopted. Reports were received from the representatives of twenty-five troops.

## Concerning Monthly Reports.

Troops which do not have their monthly reports at headquarters by the 5th of each month will not be considered in good standing, according to announcement which has been made by Field Executive Apple.

## Merit Badges Awarded.

The following merit badges have been awarded:

Fred H. Livermore, Troop No. 47, life and star scout.  
Fred Bassett, Troop No. 39, citizenship.  
Norris Gaddess, Troop No. 39, chemistry.

Fred H. Livermore, Troop No. 47, cooking, life saving.  
Kenneth Layton, Troop No. 39, citizenship, firemanship, handicraft.  
Orville Walsh, Troop No. 39, cooking.  
E. Williams, Troop No. 6, painting, life saving.

Donald O. Woolf, Troop No. 1, machinery, craftsmanship.  
Dorlon Etienne, Troop No. 38, bugling.  
Nelson Marshall, Troop No. 51, cooking, craftsmanship.

Amund Donnell, Troop No. 51, pioneering.  
B. B. Wilson, Jr., Troop No. 47, cooking.  
K. N. Young, Troop No. 51, cooking.

## Three Qualify as Marksmen.

Three scouts took the marksmanship test at the National Guard gallery range Wednesday afternoon under the supervision of the local examiner, Albert S. Jones, secretary, National Rifle Association of America, and all qualified with the following score:

F. H. Livermore, Troop 47, standing, 32; F. A. Nikirk, Troop 11, standing, 32; H. E. Turner, Troop 5, standing, 32; F. A. Turner, Troop 5, standing, 32.

The marksmanship test will be given

## Oil Treatment for Stomach Troubles

A simple prescription made up of a combination of pure vegetable oils is producing wonderful results for sufferers from stomach, liver and intestinal troubles. The remedy, which is said to have originated in France, where it has been used for years by the peasantry, was introduced into this country by George H. May, a leading Chicago druggist, who cured himself of severe stomach, liver and intestinal troubles by its use. Those who have used it say the first dose is sufficient to convince any one of its remarkable merit, and that within twenty-four hours the sufferer feels like a new person. This medicine, which has become known as May's Wonderful Remedy, is sold by leading druggists everywhere with the positive understanding that your money will be refunded without question or quibble if ONE bottle fails to give you absolute satisfaction.

Boy Scout applicants every Wednesday afternoon at the National Guard armory range.

## News From The Troops.

Communications have been received from troop scribes as follows:

### Troop 51.

"Troop No. 51, had its weekly meeting Friday evening at 7:45 o'clock at the Mount Pleasant Congregational Church. After the regular order of business, our scoutmaster, Mr. Maschmeyer, produced some small manila envelopes. On each was written the name of a scout. When a scout's name was called he came forward, opened the envelope and read from the card inside what he must do. It was some requirement which he had met in one of his examinations. The test was an unexpected success because it was wholly unexpected. The troop, as a whole, made a good average, and that is encouraging."

### Troop 11.

"All of our boys, except one, had a fine time on a hike to Little Falls, Va. last week. There was no need for the ambulance corps, for, barring burned fingers and a few slips over the rocks, we were minus mishaps of any kind."

"Our meals were cooked by Scout Dick, who, we believe, has some experience for army cook. Beans were not our principal ration, for the cook is the man who put out in the field."

We passed a number of our second-class tests.

"At the meeting Friday night plans were discussed for the May encampment. Application for reorganization in the troop was filed by Allen R. Whittington. Our scoutmaster is going to take the troop on a hike next Saturday, March 13."

"We are all looking forward to the next meeting at which the cups the relay team, consisting of Robert Grosbeck, Graham Smallwood, Edmund Hemphill and Edward C. Chapin, won at the Georgetown track meet Saturday night, February 27, will be presented."

### Troop 5.

"At the meeting last Saturday Dr. Murray gave us a lecture on first aid. He told of the best and simplest way in which to give the first-aid treatment which one would be apt to use in every-day work. After his lecture he demonstrated some uses of the triangular and roller bandages. Every one was very much interested, and Dr. Murray's talk was appreciated by all the boys."

A system of having certain scouts in charge of certain branches of work is being tried. Scouts Kenneth Miller and Hugh Johnston are instructing in signaling, while Scout Philip Williams, Hugh Turner and Sam Hardy are instructing in first aid. Instructors in out-of-doors work have not been appointed."

"In the past month we have admitted four new members. Harvey Mitchell and Walter McDowell passed their tenderfoot examination last night. The others are under instruction."

"If the weather permits several scouts will take a fourteen-mile hike for their first-class examinations. The hike of the troop will go to Rock Hill, Va. and spend the night at the home of Scoutmaster Williams and Turner are building shacks and bridges for their merit-badge work."

"The past three weeks have been busy ones for Troop 47 in many ways. The troop scribe has been on the sick list, which accounts for the omission of the usual weekly letters during the past two weeks."

"At the big rally at Convention Hall February 11 there was not one of the twenty-four members of the troop absent. At the field day, February 22, at Rock Creek Park we turned out twenty out of twenty-four at the inspection, though we only got credit for eighteen. The troop had a fine day and every one voted it

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to be one of the best—even if we did lose the flag by only one point.

"We added two life and star scouts to the troop this week, Scout Fred H. Livermore being the first to land this honor last Monday, while Balch Beall Wilson, Jr.—better known to the scouts as 'Bebe'—won his Wednesday."

"Four new candidates are qualifying for admission to the troop, and will become tenderfoot scouts before long. A class of six second-class scouts is to take its first-class examination next month."

"The troop's base ball team is getting into shape, and looks forward to a lively spring. Assistant Scoutmaster John M. Stockard is the manager of the team."

### Troop 21.

"We held our meeting Saturday night in the basement of Takoma Park Presbyterian Church. After the business meeting was completed we practiced scout games and races."

"Our assistant scoutmaster and the Scouts George Davis, Don Eggleston, Clinton Allard, Errol Dunbar and Lloyd Gosens were entered in the athletic meet at Convention Hall in the relay race. Our team came out second."

"Monday evening, April 5, Adna Clarke conducted the second-class examination for all our tenderfoot scouts. Tuesday night our scoutmaster directed an exhibition at Typographical Temple for Iris Lodge, No. 50, Shield of Honor, in which the following scouts participated: George Davis, Kenneth Harries, Lloyd Gosens, Steve Williams, John Ridgeway, William Kroll, Russell Ridgeway, Clinton Allard and George Abrams."

"We demonstrated signaling, bandaging, stretcher drill, rope work, bugling and fire lighting. Steve Williams lit his fire with steel flint and tinder in nine and one-half seconds."

"Friday night the same boys gave an exhibition for Metropolitan Lodge, No. 16, I. O. O. F. The boys all had a good time and were well rewarded."

"The troop committee will meet with the committees from the Takoma Citizens' Association and the Men's Club Monday night to start a movement for our new scout hall."

"Each patrol in our troop has cut out the image of its patrol animal in wood. These are hung upon our toilet paper, which is at our meeting place. The patrol which has the highest number of points for attendance at the meetings each month, discipline, general inspection and patrol formation has its patrol animal at the top of the toilet paper. Last month the patrol had the honor of having their patrol animal on top."

"Our scoutmaster has made a bandage roller. We have been rolling bandages to give to the Red Cross Society for the wounded soldiers in Europe."

## Girl Scouts.

Troop No. 1 held its regular meeting Wednesday afternoon at the home of its captain, Mrs. Rafter. A new system of demerits was inaugurated. Plans were discussed for raising money for camping outfits.

Thursday night Troop No. 17 of Boy Scouts invited Troop No. 1 of Girl Scouts to meet with it at Union M. E. Church. Mrs. Rafter gave a short talk, telling about the good work of the Girl Scouts in the District, after which the girls gave their troop song."

A demonstration of first-aid work was given by the boys and girls. A competition in head bandaging was given by a member from both troops, and "Doctor" Eleanor Putzli won by a slight margin over Scout Coleman."

Troop No. 5, Takoma Park, met at the home of its captain, Mrs. Eggleston, Friday. Miss Ayers has applied for a commission to act as assistant captain. An amusing little sketch was given, entitled "Why It Is Easier to Learn a New Scout Yell Than the Crochet Stitch." The girls of this troop have been working hard on crocheted and knitted scarfs for the soldiers, and it has been difficult for some of them to do it."

Troop No. 18 has been formed at Riverdale, with Mrs. H. Staley as captain. There is one patrol and the yellow daisy has been chosen for the flower name."

Troop No. 19, Woodridge, D. C., has been organized, with Mrs. J. B. Kelly as captain. Great enthusiasm was expressed in the work at the first meeting, held last week at the home of the captain."

A letter from Miss Agnes Baden-Powell, sister of Sir Robert Baden-Powell of London, founder of the Girl Guides, has been received, expressing her deep appreciation for the beautiful scarfs which have been sent direct to her from Troops No. 13 and 5, to be distributed among the Boy Scouts who are serving their country."

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## FAILURE OF BIG BILLS BLOW TO DEPARTMENTS

Reforms in Postal and Indian Services Will Be Seriously Hampered.

The failure of two big appropriation bills, the post office and the Indian bills, to become laws in the wild rush of the final days of the session of Congress just closed has brought the Post Office Department and the Indian bureau face to face with some serious problems which must be solved between now and July 1, the beginning of the new fiscal year.

Before adjourning Congress passed resolutions continuing the appropriations made by the existing laws for these two branches of the government, and these appropriations must be made to fit changing conditions.

The situation is receiving careful attention at the Post Office Department and it is probable that a statement regarding the matter will be issued there within the next few days. The opinion was expressed at the department yesterday that the postal service could get along on the money which has been authorized, but that the department will be hampered considerably in bringing about reforms which have been planned.

Loss of Ten Millions.

The bill which failed, after being reported by the Senate and House from conference, carried \$23,739,694. The existing law carried \$13,364,677, which sum was provided for in the resolution passed by Congress. That resolution also provided that the pay of rural letter carriers should be graded according to the length of their routes, and specified the amounts which should be paid.

The Post Office Department will be hampered so far that, under the law, it is not allowed to exceed appropriations for personal services and then obtain the excess through deficiency bills in Congress, but it can make contracts for transportation of the mails which may require deficiency appropriations by Congress to cover.

So far as the employees of the Post Office Department proper in Washington and of the Indian bureau are concerned, the failure of the two bills is without effect, for they are all cared for in the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, which became a law.

Reforms Are Retarded.

Speaking of the failure of the Indian appropriation bill, Cato Seligson, Indian commissioner, said yesterday that it was not disastrous but unfortunate.

"The failure of the bill complicates matters and retards the progress of reforms which we had planned," he said. "There was much needed legislation in the bill for instance, a new program for irrigation projects on Indian lands which would have been of great benefit to the Indians. This plan was approved by both houses. It was the controversy over the enrollment of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians which caused the failure of the bill."

The Indian bill as agreed to in conference carried approximately \$10,250,000. The existing law, which has been reenacted, carries \$9,771,902.76.

## YACHT TO BE OVERHAULED.

Latonia Is Finally Pulled Off Mud Where River Channels Join.

In tow of the power launch Iona, the big auxiliary schooner yacht Latonia has left here for Canoe Neck creek, St. Marys county, Md., to be painted and overhauled and put in trim for summer service with the pleasure fleet.

On her way out of the harbor she went aground on the point mud at the junction of the Washington and Georgetown channels and resisted all efforts on the part of the Iona to float her. The tug James J. Carter came along and going to the aid of the stranded vessel had her astern in a few minutes. Where the Latonia struck the mud is soft and the vessel was not injured.

The yacht belongs to A. O. Portner of this city, and is the largest vessel of her class owned on the Potomac river. She will be used by her owner for summer cruises on river and bay, and will probably have her headquarters at Annapolis, where many of the larger vessels of the Washington pleasure fleet go each summer. It is stated that the work to be done to the Latonia will require about three weeks or a month to complete.

## RULINGS ON WAR TAX ON NEGOTIABLE PAPER

Internal Revenue Bureau Passes on Question of Exemptions and Liability.

Drafts, acceptances, overdrafts and post-dated checks are exempted from the war emergency tax by a ruling of the internal revenue bureau. Even though they are used in such a way as to perform some of the functions of a promissory note, the ruling holds, they are not so taxable, because they are instruments which do not establish this character by their face and form.

The ruling conforms to a recent decision of the Supreme Court to the effect that the liability of an instrument to a stamp tax duty, as well as the amount of such duty, is determined by the form and face of the instrument, and cannot be affected by proofs of facts outside of the instrument itself.

Tax on Note Renewals.

A contract or agreement extending either a chattel or a real estate mortgage, upon which the maker would be liable to a suit at law, a tax must be paid on contracts for the purchase of such property, but the conclusion of a further ruling. If such extension, however, affects the renewal of promissory notes, either embodied in the mortgage or given in connection with the mortgage, the renewal of such notes is taxable.

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When Placed in Mails.

A promissory note drawn in a foreign country and placed in the mails in that country to be delivered to a person residing in the United States is not taxable. Delivery of commercial paper is necessary for its completion, and by weight of authority such an instrument is delivered when placed in the mails. The laws of a foreign country, therefore, would determine the validity of the contract, even if a specified time, with interest, for delivery abroad is taxable under the same construction.

A receipt given by a loan company for property received as security for debt is not a promissory note. If the receipt contains a promise to pay a certain sum of money at a specified time, with interest, for value received, that provision makes it a valid promissory note and is taxable.

## FORESEES CAMPAIGN ISSUE.

W. C. Osborne Believes Republicans Will Make Fight on Tariff.

William C. Osborne, chairman of the New York state democratic committee, a White House caller yesterday told officials here he believed the republican party managers were showing a disposition to make the tariff the issue of the 1916 presidential campaign.

"It will help the democratic party, and we surely will win if they do," he said. White House officials said the conference in New York Friday with Chairman C. H. Hill of the republican national committee had aroused their "deep interest."

## No Opium for Canal Zone.

By executive order, published yesterday, the provisions of the act of 1914, relative to the production, importation and sale of opium, have been extended to the Canal Zone.

## KEE EYE SEE

Agents wanted for best-selling book published. One agent sold 36 the first day; another 138 the first five days. Write for terms and free outfit. Geo. W. Somers, Key I. C. St. Augustine, Florida.

## SPEAKER CLARK IS 65; GETS CHEST OF SILVER

"Friends Who Never Will Surrender" Gather at Statesman's Home.

Today is the sixty-fifth birthday of Speaker Clark, and he is in possession of a chest of silver presented him at his home last night by several friends, including members of the District delegation to the Baltimore convention. The chest bears the inscription: "Presented to Champ Clark by a band of loyal friends who never will surrender." The same inscription was placed upon candelabra given to Speaker by the same friends a year ago.

The Speaker and Mrs. Clark threw their home open last night to their friends who called to congratulate the Speaker and to extend their best wishes for many more birthday celebrations. Several members of the Senate and House, many officials and employees of both branches of Congress, and many residents of the city took advantage of the opportunity. The birthday celebration as it was planned, carried out by Champ Clark's political friends, had its origin in the mammoth celebration held in Convention Hall in 1912.

Prominent Men Speak.

The chest of silver from members of the District delegation to the Baltimore convention, supplemented by a number of other friends who were anxious to be included in the list of donors, was presented to the Speaker by Robert E. Mattingly, chairman of the democratic central committee of the District of Columbia. After a few words of acquaintance and thanks from the Speaker, Senator Reed of Missouri spoke, followed by Senator Stone, who dwelt upon the intense loyalty of Champ Clark to his ideals and friends, and Representative James R. Mann of Illinois. House floor leader of the republicans, paid tribute to the good friendship and good fellowship that have bound him to the Speaker for many years.

Arrangements for the celebration outside of the Clark home, and the presentation of the chest of silver, were made by William S. Riley, who was the chairman of the Clark delegation.

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